

BERGEN COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018
COMMENCING AT 4:37 P.M.

FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

THOMAS J. SULLIVAN, CHAIRMAN

GERMAINE M. ORTIZ, VICE CHAIRWOMAN

MARY J. AMOROSO, CHAIRWOMAN PRO TEMPORE

DAVID L. GANZ

DR. JOAN M. VOSS

STEVEN A. TANELLI

TRACY SILNA ZUR

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

NONE

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3 ALSO PRESENT:
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5 JAMES J. TEDESCO III
6 BERGEN COUNTY EXECUTIVE

7 LARA RODRIGUEZ
8 CLERK TO THE BOARD

9 LAURIE BIANCHI
10 DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD

11 JULIEN X. NEALS, ESQUIRE
12 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

13 EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQUIRE
14 COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

15 MICHAEL SHEINFELD
16 DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY

17 JARED LAUTZ
18 OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: This meeting is
2 called to order at 4:37 p.m.

3 Before we begin our meeting, I ask that
4 everyone please take a moment to silence their
5 cellphones.

6 Thank you.

7 Will the Clerk please read the Sen.
8 Byron Baer Open Public Meetings Act.

9 MS. RODRIGUEZ: In accordance with
10 Section 5 of the Sen. Byron Baer Open Public Meetings
11 Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been
12 provided in the Annual Notice Schedule, which
13 contained the time, date, and location of this
14 meeting, copies of which Notices were forwarded to
15 the official County newspapers, to wit: The Herald
16 News and The Record, and a copy of which was posted
17 on the bulletin board in the Bergen County Justice
18 Center and Administration Building, One Bergen County
19 Plaza, Hackensack, New Jersey, and filed with the
20 Office of the Bergen County Clerk.

21 ROLL CALL

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Will the Clerk
23 please call the roll.

24 (At this point in the proceeding roll
25 call is taken with Freeholders Amoroso, Ganz, Tanelli

1 Voss, Silna Zur, Vice-Chairman Ortiz, and Chairman
2 Sullivan present.)

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Evidence of a
4 quorum is present.

5 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Would everyone
7 please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

8 County Executive, will you please lead
9 us.

10 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Thank you,
11 Mr. Chairman.

12 Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in
13 honoring America.

14 (At this point in the proceeding all
15 rise for a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance,
16 led by County Executive Tedesco.)

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

18 As a reminder, the Freeholder Board is
19 holding tonight's Public Session on-the-road at
20 7:30 p.m. in Park Ridge Borough Hall Council
21 Chambers, located at 53 Park Avenue in Park Ridge.

22 I'd like to ask the County Executive to
23 come forward now, as he has an announcement.

24 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: I wanted to
25 take the opportunity to introduce one of the newer

1 employees of the county. He's part of the
2 administrative staff. His title is Resilience
3 Officer. I'd like to introduce Ray Guidetti over
4 here on your left.

5 Ray.

6 MR. GUIDETTI: Good afternoon, folks.

7 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: So that you
8 know a little bit about Ray, Ray's a retired
9 lieutenant colonel from the New Jersey State Police.
10 He had a long and distinguished career. He's a
11 Bergen County resident, born and raised here. His
12 family is here in a town that's the center of the
13 universe for Bergen County.

14 FREEHOLDER VOSS: I can't imagine what
15 that is!

16 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Here you go!

17 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Does it start
18 with P?

19 (Laughter.)

20 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: And he
21 brings an extensive background, not only on law
22 enforcement but in many areas. He's written books.
23 He's done a lot of things in his career, and he's
24 somebody that has come to the county and we've had to
25 make him hit the ground running -- not that he hit

1 the ground running, we kind of had to make him hit
2 the ground running, and you'll hear some of that in
3 Closed Session later. But I did want to introduce
4 Ray to all of you as part of the administrative
5 executive staff.

6 Ray Guidetti.

7 (Applause.)

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you, sir.

9 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: And
10 if I could add, Chairman?

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Certainly.

12 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: One
13 of the aspects that led to the importance of what Ray
14 does, I know some people may hear "resilience" and
15 not be exactly sure what exactly that entails, as
16 many of us are aware, the safety and security of
17 employees is one of the primary concerns that the
18 County Executive has had. And one thing that we have
19 realized, whether it's through the insurance
20 liability activities or whether it's through the risk
21 management activities, is where we have certain
22 things that happen either where employees get injured
23 or members of the public get injured, is as we
24 reexamine circumstances and try to do retrains and do
25 additional policy implementation, there was a gap

1 between the new policy and the follow-up to make sure
2 that the new policy: A, is working; and, B, that the
3 new policy is followed or whether the new policy
4 needs tweaks, etc., etc.

5 So the timing when Ray came on was
6 actually very pivotal in terms of other things that
7 were going on in the county to make sure we were able
8 to fill that facet. So, as the County Executive
9 indicated, you'll hear more, that's a very small
10 thumbnail of it, but that was one of the missing
11 links to determine whether we, A, needed to tweak
12 policies, reinvent them in different ways, or to
13 ensure that they were being adhered to in the
14 interest of public safety and the employees' safety.

15 And as we've discussed many incidents
16 that have happened, whether it's been car accidents
17 or incidents where employees were driving and people
18 were injured, you're well aware of the gravity of
19 what some of these situations can have.

20 So that's basically the role that he's
21 filling for us now.

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

23 Do you want to add anything?

24 MR. FLORIO: No, sir.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All right. Thank

1 you, County Executive and Julien, and welcome aboard.

2 MR. GUIDETTI: Thank you, sir.

3 REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will now review
5 the Resolutions to be voted on tonight.

6 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Resolutions #811-18
7 through #878-18.

8 You'll notice that you have at the
9 table an Additions List containing Resolution
10 #879-18.

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Anyone on
12 Page 1?

13 Page 2?

14 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Chairman, we have
15 a number of Community Development transfers and
16 agreements with Madeline Housing, starting from #812
17 to #815. I was wondering if we could do those as a
18 Body of the Whole?

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Any objection?

20 FREEHOLDER VOSS: No.

21 FREEHOLDER GANZ: No.

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,
23 Freeholder Amoroso. We'll do those as a Body of the
24 Whole.

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1 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Chairman, there's
2 two grants, #818 and #819. Do you want to do those
3 as a Body of the Whole?

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Any objection?

5 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: No.

6 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: No.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: If not, Body of the
8 Whole.

9 Next page.

10 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: I wanted to ask
11 about #820, Chairman.

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay.

13 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: So, there's not a
14 dollar amount with this, but this is to designate the
15 Department of Health Services to provide integrated
16 pest management for the management of tick-borne
17 diseases.

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: You want to ask a
19 question about it?

20 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Yes, I just want
21 to know, is this something new?

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Is someone here
23 from the Health Department?

24 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Yes.

25 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Yes, Hansel.

1 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: So, is this new?

2 MR. ASMAR: Yes. It's written a little
3 fuzzy there.

4 This is part of, and I know we
5 discussed this previous, we hired an entomologist, a
6 bug doctor, and because of how we're doing
7 surveillance now, we're being very aggressive in the
8 way we surveil the county, you know, we're being
9 pro-active about it. So this resolution is to
10 address some of those needs that we're dealing with.

11 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Okay. And it
12 doesn't need money?

13 MR. ASMAR: I don't think there's a
14 dollar amount.

15 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Because there was
16 not a dollar amount.

17 MR. ASMAR: No, there is no dollar
18 amount attached to this. This is more for
19 informational purposes.

20 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: So this is new,
21 this designation?

22 MR. ASMAR: Yes, it is new, because
23 this person didn't exist before. We hired them in
24 2018, and they started working very quickly, as you
25 saw with the Longhorn tick and some of the other

1 things that we're finding, and we're starting to find
2 more pools of West Nile and so forth that never went
3 away, but because we're actually being pro-active
4 about it, now these things are starting to be
5 identified, where before they were not being done
6 because we didn't have the personnel to actually do
7 it.

8 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: So this is linking
9 up to our new bug doctor?

10 MR. ASMAR: Yes.

11 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Great.

12 All right. Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Satisfied?

14 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: I am. Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I just want to make
16 sure.

17 Anything else on the page?

18 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Chairman?

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Yes.

20 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: #822 to #830
21 are all grants, so maybe we can do them as a Body of
22 the Whole?

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Is there any
24 objection?

25 FREEHOLDER VOSS: No.

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We'll do that.

2 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Can I sponsor
3 #821?

4 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: I'll co-sponsor
5 that, please.

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: #821?

7 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Yes.

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: That's Steve and
9 Tracy on #821.

10 And from #822 to where, Freeholder?

11 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: #830.

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: #830, we'll do as a
13 Body of the Whole.

14 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Right.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

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17 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Chairman, I was
18 wondering if we'd be interested in doing #833 as a
19 Body of the Whole?

20 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Yes.

21 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Yes.

22 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: That's a big sum
23 of money.

24 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Yes.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,

1 Freeholder Tanelli. You're in the game today. Thank
2 you.

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6 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: So, on Page 13,
7 Chairman, #840 and #841 as a Body of the Whole?

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Any objection?

9 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: None.

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All right.

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12 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: On Page 15, can
13 we do, as we have traditionally, #846 and #846?

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Can you wait until
15 I get there?

16 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Oh, I'm sorry.
17 I jumped the gun.

18 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: On Page 14, this
19 is a small amendment on this Law and Public Safety
20 range, the firing range.

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Which one,
22 Freeholder?

23 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: #843.

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: What's your
25 question about that?

1 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Well, just what is
2 it and is it some new direction?

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Is there anyone
4 here to answer that, #843?

5 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: It's the range.
6 One of my favorite topics.

7 MR. BLOHM: Hello.

8 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: So, it's not a lot
9 of money, but what does this represent?

10 MR. BLOHM: It's a change order.

11 What happened was, when we put the new
12 footprint down for the new action target firing
13 range, it encroached on the 100-yard line where they
14 use for sniper fire or their long rifles for
15 training. So we had to go back into the berm, which
16 abuts onto the golf course. So they had to dig into
17 that berm a little bit, so we had to put a new
18 fence-line back there to deaden the sound and some
19 other minor change orders that were necessary.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Everything going
21 good up there? The new system is working good?

22 MR. BLOHM: Absolutely. They
23 absolutely love it up there.

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Great.

25 Thanks for your help.

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2 Freeholder Zur.

3 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Mr. Chairman,
4 may I suggest that #845 and #846, which are shared
5 service arrangements with Wood-Ridge which are
6 revenue producing, be by the Body of the Whole.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Any objection?

8 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: No, sir.

9 FREEHOLDER VOSS: No.

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So moved. So be
11 it.

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17 These are all Public Works.

18 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: And these all
19 are vehicles that were part of the capital fund.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: It's 26, I thought
21 it was 20 on my sheet, Jim.

22 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: It 20, #871.

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We're at #855. I
24 must have a different one.

25 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: I'm sorry.

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Page 21.

2 Freeholder Zur, you want to just state
3 that again.

4 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: I'm saying these
5 are all vehicles that are part of what we heard in
6 the budget presentation regarding necessary capital
7 expenditures.

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Correct.

9 Thank you, Freeholder.

10 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: 22.

12 23.

13 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Mr. Chairman,
14 can I ask that we have an update from County Counsel
15 on #860 in Closed Session?

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Yes, you may.

17 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Page 24.

19 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: So, may I ask that
20 we sponsor #865-18 as Body of the Whole?

21 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Absolutely.

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Sure.

23 Any objection?

24 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: No.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So ordered.

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2 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Chairman, may I
3 sponsor #868, please?

4 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Or could we do
5 #868 through 8 -- oh, I'm sorry, no.

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Let's keep #868
7 alone for Steve.

8 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Sure.

9 I'll co-sponsor that.

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Steve and Tracy,
11 you're doing #868.

12 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Can I get an
13 update on #867 in Closed Session?

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay.

15 Did you want to sponsor anything after
16 that?

17 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: I would like to
18 sponsor #869 or unless we want to do #869 and #870 as
19 a Body of the Whole.

20 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Body of the Whole.

21 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: And #871.

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: And #871, right.

23 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: And #872 as well
24 as by a Body of the Whole.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Yes.

1 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Yes.

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I'm okay.

3 Anyone have any objection?

4 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: No.

5 FREEHOLDER VOSS: No.

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So, #871, I'd like
7 to ask the County Executive to come up. He would
8 like to just say a few words on the National
9 Prostrate Cancer Awareness Month of the County of
10 Bergen.

11 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Thank you,
12 Mr. Chairman, and thank you, Freeholders, for
13 allowing me to talk a few minutes about this.

14 I thank the Board for having a
15 Resolution in recognition of National Prostrate
16 Cancer Awareness Month.

17 As you know, I'm a cancer survivor of
18 prostrate cancer, and early detection is the way that
19 I am still sitting here able to talk about it.

20 I thank the Freeholder Board for
21 recognizing this and making sure that people
22 understand the importance, especially young men, that
23 while it does mostly affect those that are a little
24 bit older, it does affect young people. And at 55, I
25 didn't consider myself old, but that's when I was

1 diagnosed, and it ran in my family, so I was
2 certainly aware that I needed to be tested.

3 So I just say this on the record, that
4 those of you that may have some kind of history of
5 any type of cancer, you should definitely know
6 prostate cancer has a tendency to be associated with
7 some other cancers, especially colon and bladder.

8 So, again, I just wanted to thank the
9 Freeholder Board for the recognition of this for the
10 month of September and thank you for helping spread
11 the word.

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you, County
13 Executive.

14 I have a couple of good friends who are
15 survivors. It's a simple blood test. It's not
16 invasive, it's nothing, it's a simple blood test, and
17 you have the PSA. I just had it done recently.

18 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: And now the
19 tests are even better from when I was diagnosed. The
20 tests are much sharper and can really help give you
21 direction, and, if nothing else, put you on an
22 awareness that you need to do something a little more
23 often than you would normally do.

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Right.

25 You wanted to say anything, Julien?

1 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: The key to
2 prostate cancer is catching it early.

3 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: I
4 just wanted to echo the County Executive's concerns.

5 I'm a prostate cancer survivor, five
6 years clear March this past year, so early detection
7 is the key. So I echo that. It was a routine
8 medical exam that the PSA happened to be a little off
9 and it was diagnosed at that point. I was otherwise
10 asymptomatic. So I can't stress enough the
11 importance of that.

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: That's great.

13 Well, thank you for bringing that to
14 our attention.

15 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Thank you,
16 Mr. Chairman.

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Again, it's a
18 simple blood test. When you go for a blood test,
19 tell them to throw the PSA in, especially if you're
20 over 50, like me and Mr. Florio.

21 Is there anything else on that page?

22 MR. FLORIO: No objection.

23 (Laughter.)

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Next page.

25 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Which page?

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: What page are you
2 on?

3 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Well, #873 is a
4 grant.

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. You want to
6 do that as Body of the Whole?

7 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Yes.

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

9 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: And, Chairman,
10 #875 is also a grant.

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Is there any
12 objection to #875 being Body of the Whole?

13 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: No.

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So ordered.
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16 Again, Freeholder Zur, it's Public
17 Works vehicles.

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19 And that's it.

20 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Chairman, the Late
21 List.

22 FREEHOLDER VOSS: #879.

23 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: I'm going to
24 sponsor that, if that's okay, Chairman.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I'll co-sponsor

1 so that you all know, we spoke to the Superintendent
2 of the Bergen County Special Services District,
3 Howard Lerner, in regards to school buses that didn't
4 have seat belts.

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay.

6 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: And the
7 school district was in the process of ordering three
8 new buses that would be outfitted. We looked at
9 retrofitting the other buses.

10 The state has put a hold on
11 retrofitting of school buses.

12 In subsequent discussions with the
13 superintendent, I asked him for the next three buses
14 that he was going to replace. And what we did was we
15 appropriated money that we had in old capital, and we
16 told them to go ahead and order three more buses, so
17 that they'll now be a total of six buses coming that
18 will all have seat belts.

19 And then, depending on whether the
20 moratorium gets lifted on the retrofits, we'll look
21 at either going for retrofitting or in the next, '19
22 capital, we'll work with him on replacing those other
23 buses a little bit faster than we north normally
24 would, to get the seat belt buses on the road here in
25 Bergen County for the Bergen County students.

1 So, I just wanted the Freeholders to
2 know that your resolution tonight supports that
3 effort in purchasing those three additional buses, so
4 I thank you for that.

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Jim, just out of
6 curiosity, what's the problem with the retrofit, did
7 they say anything? How many are in our fleet?

8 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: So, we have
9 about 70 buses. Now, the smaller buses, the majority
10 of them, if not all of them, have shoulder harnesses,
11 so we're talking about only the bigger buses. So we
12 have three different manufacturers of buses, and the
13 manufacturers can't all agree on what would be the
14 appropriate retrofit method. And then we would have
15 to have the individual manufacturer approve the
16 retrofit or they have to get approval from the
17 National Transportation Board on their retrofit.

18 So, there's been no consensus amongst
19 any of the bus manufacturers or anybody else and even
20 the National Transportation Board as to what would be
21 the proper method.

22 Most of them believe that you have to
23 anchor the shoulder harness to the floor, and that
24 creates a problem, because some of those bus floors
25 are not made to be able to have the thickness to

1 sustain the pull on the belt. And so it may be that
2 you can't retrofit them or you'd actually have to cut
3 the flooring out in order to put something heavier
4 in.

5 FREEHOLDER VOSS: That would be
6 expensive.

7 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Right.

8 So there's a debate, and so the State
9 of New Jersey, this is just the State of New Jersey,
10 decided that they weren't going to allow anymore talk
11 of retrofitting until there could be a consensus on
12 what to do with what style buses with what
13 manufacturer buses.

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Has the Governor
15 appointed any kind of committee for this yet?

16 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: So that's
17 part of some of the new legislation that's coming
18 out. I believe that there's a discussion between the
19 education department and the school bus
20 manufacturers. I'm aware of a group of people, I
21 believe it's more technical people, talking to the
22 bus manufacturers about whether the retrofit actually
23 makes sense financially to do, and, if it does, from
24 what year down or what year up can you retrofit and
25 things like that.

1 So, some of these Bluebird buses that
2 we have, the straight front buses that you've seen,
3 we have since 2010. So to me it was let's just
4 replace those and the newer buses, let's wait to see
5 what happens with the retrofit.

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So the new buses
7 that we had taken a tour of that day in Paramus, it
8 seems the harness comes through the back of the seat,
9 correct?

10 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: It does.

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So, I mean, at the
12 very least couldn't they just replace seats with the
13 mechanism on them?

14 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: You know,
15 Tom, I thought it was easier than --

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: It could be all
17 about the weight?

18 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Yes.

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay.

20 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: And because
21 the thing is, these belts have to be so adjustable to
22 fit a child that's in preschool to a high school
23 senior, and then some of the buses, because of the
24 width of the seat, can handle three younger children.
25 So at some point the bus driver says no, there can

1 only be two older children in the bus, so then the
2 two belts have to be able to reach for those two. So
3 there was a lot more than I understood about just
4 saying, you know, let's pay to get them retrofitted.

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay.

6 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: And then
7 there's the other issue of the athletes, especially
8 football players, because of their gear and
9 everything. So there's just a whole lot of
10 uncertainty, and they need to look into all that.

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you, Jim.

12 Anybody have any questions for the
13 County Executive?

14 (No response.)

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you, sir.

16 Okay. Is there anything else?

17 CLOSED SESSION

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will now go into
19 Closed Session for approximately 20 minutes, and then
20 we will return to the Public Session.

21 Will the attorney briefly state the
22 matters for which we will be discussing in Closed
23 Session.

24 MR. FLORIO: Thank you, Chairman.

25 There are several this evening. There

1 is a personnel matter that will be presented to the
2 Board, also something related to potential
3 litigation, and an update on two ongoing lawsuits
4 under Resolutions #860 and #867.

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

6 May I have a motion to go into Closed?

7 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: So moved.

8 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

10 (All present Freeholders respond in the
11 affirmative.)

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We are in Closed
15 Session as 5:03 p.m.

16 (Whereupon, Closed Session is held.)

17 (Open Session resumes at 5:38 p.m.)

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We are on the
19 record at 5:38.

20 We will reconvene for our Public
21 Meeting at 7:30 in Park Ridge this evening.

22 There being nothing further to come
23 before this meeting, may I have a motion to adjourn?

24 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: So moved.

25 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

2 (All present Freeholders respond in the
3 affirmative.)

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Motion carried.

7 We are adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

8 (Whereupon, the Work Session is
9 adjourned at 5:39 p.m.)

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